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DXCC COUNTRY/ENTITY REPORT: According to the AR-Cluster Network for the week of Sunday, 27th/March, through Sunday, 3rd/April there were 228 countries active. Countries available: 1S, 3A, 3B8, 3B9, 3D2, 3V, 3W, 4J, 4L, 4S, 4X, 5B, 5H, 5N, 5R, 5U, 5V, 5Z, 6W, 6Y, 7Q, 7X, 8P, 8Q, 8R, 9A, 9G, 9H, 9J, 9K, 9L, 9M2, 9M6, 9N, 9Q, 9U, 9V, 9Y, A2, A3, A4, A6, A7, A9, AP, BV, BY, C3, C5, C6, C9, CE, CE9, CM, CN, CP, CT, CT3, CU, CX, D2, D4, DL, DU, E4, EA, EA6, EA8, EA9, EI, EK, EL, EP, ER, ES, ET, EU, EX, EY, EZ, F, FG, FH, FJ, FK, FM, FO, FP, FR, FT5X, FY, G, GD, GI, GJ, GM, GU, GW, HA, HB, HB0, HC, HI, HK, HL, HP, HR, HS, HZ, I, IS, J2, J6, J7, JA, JD/o, JT, JW, JY, K, KG4, KH1, KH2, KH6, KH8, KL, KP2, KP4, LA, LU, LX, LY, LZ, OA, OD, OE, OH, OH0, OK, OM, ON, OX, OY, OZ, P2, P4, PA, PJ2, PJ7, PY, PZ, S0, S2, S5, S9, SM, SP, ST, SU, SV, SV5, SV9, T5, T7, T8, T9, TA, TF, TG, TI, TK, TR, TT, TU, TY, TZ, UA, UA2, UA9, UK, UN, UR, V2, V3, V4, V5, V7, V8, VE, VK, VK9L, VK9N, VP2E, VP5, VP8, VP8/h, VP9, VQ9, VR, VU, XE, XU, XW, XX9, YA, YB, YI, YK, YL, YN, YO, YS, YU, YV, Z2, Z3, ZA, ZB, ZC4, ZD7, ZD8, ZD9, ZF, ZK1/s, ZK3, ZL, ZP, ZS

* PLEASE NOTE: The report "could" contain "Pirate/SLIM" operations or more likely a "BUSTED CALLSIGN". As always, you never know - "Work First Worry Later" (WFWL).

4U1U, UNITED NATIONS HQ (Correction to [OPDX.703](#)). Mustapha, DL1BDF, apologizes for a QSL mistake in his last communication. QSL their **4U1UN** operation "ONLY" via HB9BOU (not DL1BDF as mentioned last week). Their activity will take place between **May 12-15th**. As the German team travels and operates mobile from NY to Dayton, QSL only QSOs with W#/DK0FI/m through the DARC Bureau.

60 METERS. Start looking for club stations in **Norway** to be active on 60 meters as of 2200z, **March 31st until December 31st, 2007.**

A5, BHUTAN. Stig, **9N7JO** (LA7JO and HS0ZGD), will be active as A52JO from **April 4-**

12th. Activity will be SSB and CW on all bands outside his working hours. QSL via 9N7JO (Thailand address on QRZ.com): Stig Lindblom, Regional Telecoms Officer, UNICEF Regional Office for South Asia (ROSA), PO Box 5815, Lekhnath Marg, Kathmandu, Nepal.

ANTARCTICA NEWS.....

- **NEW WAP.** Following the activity of FT5XO, the "Worldwide Antarctic Program" found it necessary to give "**Port Jeanne d'ARC**" station a new WAP reference number. It is WAP FRA-05.
- **Mirny Base** (WAP RUS-07). Mike, RW1AI, is now the radio operator of Mirny Base as **R1ANT** for this season instead of his previous plans to operate from Progress Base (WAP RUS-11) as R1ANP. However, it is very likely that Mike will participate in the supply convoy from Mirny to **Vostok Base** in **October 2005** to **January 2006** via **Pionierskaya**, **Vostok I**, and **Komsomolskaya** Bases. Let's keep our fingers crossed that he will be able to activate these extremely rare Antarctic bases. QSL via RW1AI.
- **WAP SOFTWARE 1.0.** The WAP Staff is pleased to announce the WAP Software (ver 1.0) which is the best solution to manage your Antarctic Bases (WADA/WACA). The program was made by Carlo, IK6CAC, one of the best Ham Programers. Please try it and get your free download now at: <http://www.ddxc.net/wap/> --or-- <http://www.ddxc.net>.
- The **WAP Antarctic Bulletin** written by Max/IK1GPG and Gianni/I1HYW is now available through the WAP Web site at: <http://www.ddxc.net/wap/>. Just click on the bulletin link.

CP, BOLIVIA. Rene, DF9GR, is now active as **CP6/DF9GR** until **April 15th**. Activity will be on 80-10 meters. However, over the past weekend he was on 30/20/17/15 meters mainly on CW, with some activity on RTTY and PSK. QSL via DF9GR, by the Bureau is OK.

CY0, SABLE ISLAND. A DXpedition is tentatively scheduled to last 7 days in July 2005 (**July 27th-August 3rd**). Operators Joe/W8GEX, Wayne/K8LEE and Phil/W9IXX will be active on all bands 160-6 meters, CW, SSB PSK and RTTY. They plan to be active in the IOTA Contest. Callsign will be **CY0AA** and the QSL Manager is K8LEE. They will try to have online logs during the operation. Visit their Web page at: <http://www.wb8xx/sable/>. The team is still look for funding.

DAYTON DX DINNER BANQUET (Reminder!). Jay, K4ZLE, reminds everyone the Dayton HamVention® is fast approaching. If you have not ordered your ticket for the 20th annual SWODXA DX Dinner to be held in conjunction with the HamVention®, you need to do so very soon. Tickets are on a first come, first served basis and seating is limited. The dinner will be Friday evening, May 20th, at the Crowne Plaza Hotel, located in Dayton City Center. This is the same venue as in years past. Tickets are 32.00 USD per meal, payable in U.S. funds to SWODXA, and may be ordered from Jay Slough, K4ZLE, at his CBA. SASE would be appreciated. They will attempt to honor group seating requests when tickets are ordered together. The program has not been finalized yet; however, they expect to have a program to match the quality of their past programs. Further information may be obtained from Jay at: k4zle at arrl dot net

DXCC NEWS. Bill Moore, NC1L, ARRL DXCC Manager, announced the following operations are approved for DXCC credit:

- **600X - Somalia**, from November 18, 2004, to November 26, 2004
- **TT8AMO - Chad**, current operation effective March 9, 2005

Correction: **TT8M** was shown as approved starting of March 14, 2005. The correct start date should be March 9, 2005.

DXCC CARD CHECKING (Visalia International DX Convention). DXCC QSL card checking at the 2005 Visalia International DX Convention will take place on Saturday, **April 16th** from 2-4 PM in the Plaza room. All DXCC type cards can be checked including deleted entities, QSLs over 10 years old and 160 meter cards. For further information, contact Gary, KI6T at: ki6t@arrl.net.

E5A-E5Z, COOK ISLANDS (Cook Islands DXCC Status Change!). From the ARRL Web page, the issuance of a callsign prefix block for Cook the Islands has made them a DXCC political entity. "It has come to our attention that the International Telecommunication Union Table of International Callsign Series now contains an entry for the Cook Islands," said ARRL Membership Services Manager Wayne Mills, N7NG. "New Zealand has been issued the E5A-E5Z callsign prefix block for the exclusive use of the Cook Islands. As a result, the Cooks become a political entity for DXCC purposes." Mills says the impact on the DXCC List will be minimal, however. "In reviewing the distances, it appears that the first 'separation' from the South Cooks likely will be Palmerston Island, which is just over 350 km northwest of Raratonga," he explained. "The remainder of what has been known as the North Cooks is not sufficiently distant from Palmerston to become an additional DXCC entity." Mills says the main effect of the change will be for Palmerston to count for North Cooks instead of South Cooks. The change also may clarify a situation with the North Cooks. "Since the addition of the Manihiki Islands (North Cooks) in January 1959 was not based on a specific distance, Palmerston has counted as South Cooks," he said. "DXCC Rule 5a comes into play now, keeping both North and South Cooks on the list, but moving Palmerston to the North Cooks because it is more than 350 km from the South islands and becomes the first separation." Under the circumstances, Mills said, it might now be appropriate to rename the entity "Palmerston and the North Cooks." For more updates/details, please read the ARRL announcement at: <http://www.arrl.org>.

EA8, CANARY ISLANDS. Operators YL2KL, YL1ZF, YL2LY and ES1AJ will be active as **EA8AH** during the **CQ WW WPX CW Contest (May 28-29th)** as a Multi-2 entry. QSL via YL2KL.

FT5XO QRT. The FT5XO Microlite Penguins DXpedition to Kerguelen Island reportedly went QRT around 0200z on **March 31st**.

HB0, LIECHTENSTEIN. Ed, HA5BWW, and group of HA operators will be active from here as **HB0/homecall**, **May 14-20th**. Activity will be on 160-10 meters, including the WARC bands, mostly CW with some SSB. Look for **HB0/HA5KHC** on 144 MHz. QSL via their home callsigns (Bureau is OK).

IOTA NEWS.....

- **AF-NEW**. (Update) According to Afif, 7X2RO, activity from Sanja Islands will **not** include **160 meters** operation due to poor propagation. Operations will be from **May 1-**

5th. Reports indicate the callsign will be **7V2SI**.

- **OC-220.** The operators who activated OC-251 (September 2002), OC-261 (April 2003) and OC-228 (April 2004), are now planning to activate OC-220, South Australia West group, **St. Peter Island**, Nuyts Archipelago the second weekend in April, commencing early Thursday, **April 7th** and concluding Monday at 2100z, April 11th. This will be a special event commemorating the 350th anniversary of the death of Pieter Nuyts, the Dutch East India Company man and sometime explorer, who died in 1655. St. Peter Island and Nuyts Archipelago, which is located off the coast from the seaport, Ceduna/Thevenard, was named after Pieter Nuyts in 1627 whilst exploring the southern ocean area of Australia, now known as the Great Australian Bight. St. Peter Island is part of a closely protected Conservation Park and also part of a greater Ecological Restoration of Endangered Species Program by South Australia Parks and Wildlife. A permit has been obtained for 4 operators to land and operate for a limited period. Operating dates/times are dependant on weather conditions which can be unpredictable at anytime of the year. Expected operators are Peter/VK3QI, Keith/VK3FT, Jack/VK3WWW and Max/VK3WT. Activity will be on the usual IOTA frequencies, both CW and SSB. Emphasis will be on 30/40m CW and 20/17/15m SSB. Long Path to Europe which is around 0500-0800z will also be emphasized. OC-220 has only been activated once before in March 1997, by Mal (VK6LC) as VK5ISL, for a total of 2200 QSOs, making it a relatively rare group. CW QSOs will be available and special arrangements put in place to maximize contacts with African and South American stations who have an entirely polar path through the auroral zones to contend with, both long and short paths. A special commemorative callsign has been applied for, and they are particularly interested in having contacts with as many Dutch stations as possible. QSL details are as follows: via VK3QI Direct (any callbook) or via VK3 QSL Bureau. Any questions about the proposed operation can be E-mailed to: Peter Forbes, VK3QI - prforbes@bigpond.net.au.

JW, SVALBARD. Remember to look for Francois, F8DVD, to be active from the town of Longyearbyen as **JW/F8DVD, April 4-11th**. Activity will be on all bands, mainly SSB. QSL either via the French REF Bureau or direct.

OZ200, DENMARK (Special Activity/Event Update). Rene, OZ1LQH, informs OPDX that the special callsign OZ5HCA will not be used during the celebration of "Hans Christian Andersen" birthday, but the callsign **OZ200HCA** has been issued to be used between **April 1-30th**. The QSOs with OZ200HCA will, of course, count for the H.C. Andersen award. For more details, visit the Web page at: <http://www.oz3fyn.dk/diplom-hcaGB.html>. Rene thinks this is the first time ever that an OZ callsign has had more than one number in the prefix.

P4, ARUBA. John, W2GD, will be active as **P40W** during the **CQ WW DX SSB Contest (October 29-30th)** as a Single-Op/All-Band entry. QSL via N2MM. Look for activity prior to the contest on 160m and the WARC bands.

QSL INFO AND NEWS.....

- QSL **5B/LY1DF/LGT** via LY1DF. Activity took place over the past weekend. Visit the following Web for more details: <http://www.qsl.net/ly1df/>.
- Toni, EA5RM, reports that the **CW5R** (SA-039) QSLs just arrived from the printed, and direct QSLs are starting to be processed.
- **NEW QSL MANAGER.** Vladimir, LZ1OT, informs OPDX that he is now the QSL

Manager for Yury, **4L4CH**.

- **NEW LOGS FOR LZ2TU.** QSL Manager WB2RAJ confirms that he has again acquired new logs from Dobri, LZ2TU. The logs now span from February 15th, 2001, through February 6th, 2005. A new color QSL cards will be used. Please do not QSL for any contact after February 6, 2005, until newer logs are received. To confirm contacts with LZ2TU, QSL DIRECT ONLY to: Kash Kashdin - WB2RAJ, 4591 West Overlook Drive, Williamsville, NY 14221.
- Ark, UA4CC, informs OPDX that their **EY0R** and **EY8/UA4CC** expedition to Tajikistan is now finished. They made over 6000 QSOs with more 100 countries on all continents. He also mentioned that Bill, NC1L, informed him their operation is good for DXCC credit. The logs for EY0R and EY8/UA4CC are now available online at: <http://dx.qsl.net/logs/>. QSL via UA4CC; cards will be sent out soon (bureau and direct). Look for the logs to be uploaded into the LoTW in the future.
- **VU4 QSLs.** The VU4 QSLs are now being received. However, if you have not sent for your QSL, Charles, K4VUD, wants to remind everyone: DO NOT SEND CASH TO NIAR IN HYDRABAD. Charles states, "Yes, I know it is legal for NIAR to receive U.S. dollars, but why risk the money getting into someone else's hands on the way to NIAR? THERE IS AN EASY WAY TO DONATE.... Read NIAR's web site for instructions to donate via DERA in Colorado (DERA even takes credit cards). THEN, in your QSL request to NIAR, put a note saying "donated via DERA." NO CASH BY MAIL TO NIAR; how many ways can I say it?" Charles also mentions that he hopes to be at Visalia or Dayton and put on a slide shows about VU4.

SPECIAL EVENT. Operators Karlis/YL2MD, Serge/YL2MU and Andris/YL2GQT will be active as **YL740C**, **YL740M** and **YL740T**, until **June 28th**, to celebrate the **740th anniversary** of the Latvian City of **Jelgava** (former Mitaw, the Capital of the Kurland Duchy in XVII Century). QSL via their home callsigns.

SV, GREECE. Ben, OZ5AAH, will be in Athens and be active as **SV/OZ5IPA** from **April 5-13th**. Activity will be on all bands including the WARC bands on CW/SSB. QSL direct ONLY via Ben Jakobsen, Gjethusparken 25, 3300 Fr.værk, Denmark.

VP5, TURKS AND CAICOS ISLANDS. Operators Bob/K7LAY (father) and Harry/K7LAZ (son) will be on a mini DXpedition/ham vacation to here between **June 12-24th**. Activity will be on all bands 160-10 meters with an emphasis on CW. Callsigns will be **VP5/homecall**. QSL via their home callsigns

WARD 2005. AWARD. Sylwester Jarkiewicz, SP2FAP, Editor-in-Chief of MK QTC Magazine, states the World Amateur Radio Day 2005 Award (WARD) is designed to commemorate the World Amateur Radio Day celebrated by IARU on April 18th each year. This year's award celebrates the 80th anniversary of IARU. The AWARD 2005 is issued by the MK QTC, "The Polish Radio Amateurs' Journal", with support of PZK, "The Polish Amateur Radio Union". The WARD 2005 will be issued for the following numbers of contacts: either 10 QSOs on HF bands, or 5 QSOs on VHF bands. All contacts must be made between 0000 and 2400z on April 18, 2005. Send a standard application form (log extract), including the list of QSOs, to: MK QTC, The Radio Amateurs' Journal, Suchacz-Zamek, Wielmozy 5b, 82-340 Tolkmicko, Poland (on or before June 31st, 2005). The price of the WARD 2005 Award is 5 USD or 5 EURO. The full-color award's size: 210 x 297 mm. The WARD 2005 Award is also available to SWLs for the same numbers of reports. Also, visit the following Web pages for more details:

<http://ward.radio.org.pl/> or <http://ward-award.prv.pl/>. Also, you can send (for more details) via an E-mails to: qtc@post.pl.

WRTC 2006 (Update). Oms, PY5EG, reports that the rules for the next **World Radiosport Team Championship** to be held in **Florianopolis, Brazil**, on **July 7-10th (2006)**, can now be downloaded from the following Web page at: <http://www.wrtc2006.com>. During the next 30-60 days they will announce the following documents: Referees Selection Criteria and Team Selection Criteria.

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